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Beloved Companion:

In our work thus far, I have stressed repeatedly, the value of visualizing a picture, and concentrating upon it, until it becomes real. This process has much more power than is generally realized, and I want to discuss the principle with you at this time. All the New Thought movements are built upon this Principle of the Potency of the Objectified Image, but of this matter they have but a small amount of knowledge, discovered by experience, and with no Philosophy behind it; - but for the Adept, the Magus of Power, this Image making is one of the chief instruments in his laboratory, and he uses it according to definite and well understood Laws. These, I want to consider in order that they may be thoroughly understood, and I am going to use as an illustration, the work which I have given you frequently, the visualizing of the Master Jesus, as I have told you to build it and objectify it.

Now in such a meditation as Jesus as the Risen Christ, we formulate a clear mental picture of the Master after his Resurrection, perhaps even bearing the wounds of the Cross, as He appeared to the Disciples on the Banks of the Sea of Galilee. You are to picture Him as clearly as you can, using for the material for your Image, any sacred picture that appeals to you, and in particular in the creation you try to see the Light and Character in the Eyes as you look into them. At the same time, you invoke Him with a strong inward calling, trying to draw Him to you by your desire, and making the mind quiet and still, listening with the Inner Ear for His Coming.

If you are successful in your formulation, you will experience an indescribable sense of His Presence, the real Spiritual Power stirring your Heart, and quickening your whole Being.

In performing this operation you are under no delusion as to any objective evocation of the Spirit of the Master to Visible Appearance. Possible as this is, with the Angelic Formulae as they have been given to you, it is not possible with the Christ of the Rays, yet this Image can be made a Channel of Spiritual Power if with strong Desire and great Reverence in your Heart, you call upon Him to project a Ray of His Consciousness that it may indwell. You do not of course, believe that the Master Himself appears to you when this Image takes on the semblance of Life to your Subjective Eye, but you do believe and know that the influence He is forever radiating out upon the World enfolds this Image and that by this means, you gather this Force into a Ray, and concentrate it as Light is concentrated thru a lens.

Whoever tries this experiment under the right conditions, and these must include a very real Love and Reverence for the Master, a keen desire for His Presence, will find that something does unquestionably occur within the Inner Consciousness. Power touches him and abides upon him, for him the influence does not fade with the fading of the Vision, but remains with him, - it may be for days and it may be for the remainder of his life. It is indeed a strange and marvelous experience of the Unseen, when Life looks out of the Eyes at you, and the Image steadies and objectifies, and becomes independent of your Will and your Imagination. As that Image seems to you to take on Objective Life, and the Influence flows out upon you, it has become a Channel for something more than your own desires and

emotions, and you receive out of the operation, far more than you have put into it.

Now the question arises, "Are we justified in such use of the Image making faculty of the Mind. Justification is to be found in its results. If, from such an operation, we rise up with renewed hope and strength, if our Faith is made a living thing and our lives are filled with Spiritual Power, surely the experiment is justified. It may have in it intrinsically, but little more than Coue's "Every day in every way I am better and better," yet, it is effectual because it is based upon certain fundamental properties of the Human Mind, which, tho little understood, are exceedingly potent and certain in their action. These Powers of Mind are used empirically by all Faith Healers.

It is in these deliberately formulated Cosmic Images, into which Power is invoked that we have something much more potent than the Mental Pictures which students of New Thought and kindred systems are taught to formulate. For the Initiate, the Magus, does not formulate any arbitrary Image of the fancy but builds up a replica of what is called a Cosmic Thought Form, an Image which has been constructed in the immemorial past, and that lives on in the Akasa. It is this Akashic Image which is the prototype of his Mental Picture, and in these Akashic Images, psychic force of many kinds and degrees is stored. This force ensouls the Subjective Image, built by the Imagination of the Adept, and causes it to take up an independent existence. It is rare for an Image of the Imagination to be externalized unless this is done, for to externalize the works of our private imagination, we have to project something of our own life into them, and this can only be done under great Emotional Pressure or by the concentration of a degree rarely to be met with, tho the Magician develops the power.

The knowledge of these Cosmic Prototypes and their formulation is among the secrets of Occultism, and are seldom, if ever, revealed. Each Organization if it be a true Organization of the Esoteric Schools of the Inner Plane, has its own Archetype and these are among its most important Arcana; among the Western Traditions, they are largely Christian in concept, but there are also, of course, with other organizations, the Gods of Ancient Times and the very potent Occult Method of the Assumption of the God Form which I have given you, is based upon this Principle. However, in the Rites of the Master Jesus, you do not proceed to use the assumption of the God Form, for we hold that the Power invoked by His Name is too purely spiritual to find its Channel thru any Human Consciousness, however highly trained. There is much of this Concept however, to be traced in the Catholic conception of Priesthood.

It is enough for us, however, if we attain the exaltation of Consciousness which this Method gives. In this sense, every man and woman is a Priest as Luther said, and each brings thru his quota of Power and contributes it to the Pooled emotions of the Group Mind of the congregation, and it is this which makes a true Service such a powerful, psychological demonstration, and in this atmosphere, individual minds are temporarily exalted, and are capable of realization that would entirely elude them in their more ordinary state.

Now, I am going into this with a great deal of detail, because if the psychological basis of the method I have outlined be understood, and you realize that it is a method of handling

the mind, a gymnastic of Consciousness, you will be able to use it without danger of abusing it, for you will not be hallucinated by your own Images and able to use them as lenses, to enable you to focus Forces and bend them to your use.

As we go on with the higher work, you will understand this, for if you utilize this method, to make an Image of Pan, you will get the odor of the Goat, if you use it to make an Image of Thoth, you will feel the wisdom of Egypt, when you use it to construct a mental picture of the Master Jesus, you feel in precisely the same way, all that has gone for the making of the New Testament. In every Truth, you walk with Him in Galilee and feel His influence. This influence can be so potent that it will change your whole life and heal you of all your infirmities. It can even produce the phenomena of instantaneous conversion. Great Powers are hidden in this method, both for good and evil, for if it is used for unworthy ends, such as the objectification of an unsanctified desire, you do undoubtedly work your own undoing, but when used in the picturing of the Master Jesus, nothing but Good can come to you, for in Him there is nothing but Good, and that Good so far transcends our realization of the possibilities of Good, that if you allow it to do so, it will, by its subtle influence, extend your realization and purify your nature as well as exalt your Consciousness.

Now, here is another point. Those who are accustomed to the use of this method, learn many things by experience. They soon find that if their mood is un-Christlike, the Image will not form, or that when it does form if they are persistently unrepentant, it looks at them with reproach in its Eyes, and however hard they may try to build a harmonious Image, as long as they are in that mood, and they are unrepentant and will not right the wrong, the Image will continue to gaze at them with Sorrow and forbid them to draw near. This Image has been constructed by countless generations of devout Christians, and it has a life of its own, and we cannot deal with it arbitrarily by any means.

Likewise, in times of great stress, those accustomed to its use, may find that the Image formulates with an extraordinary semblance of Objectivity. Who shall say what takes place when this occurs? It is some instinctive act of the Subconscious Mind, or some Power beyond, reaching down thru the accustomed Channels, called forth by the Invitation of the Soul. Nevertheless, we know that the method is effectual, and therefore, we use it. There never has been any harm or mental unbalance from its use for the formulation of the Image of the Master, so long as its Modus Operandi is clearly understood, and it is realized that we are not using a Spiritual Method and that which we are invoking, is an image of our own making, but nevertheless, the nature of the Invisible Universe being what it is we have by this means, laid our fingers upon the control levers of Spiritual Force, and can call it down into our Souls.

And now, you realize something of the implication of the words, and the Service which I gave to you, "That which we are about to do, may it be potent in Spiritual Power." Having made your Thought Form into a Pictorial Image to the best of your ability, having visualized the Master with the most graphic detail of representation that the imagination can supply, having lifted up your heart in Love and Adoration to the Being whose representation that Pictured Image

is designed to be, you proceed boldly with your request, your work, and proceed to do those things "as if" that which you had invoked had actually come about and the Master Jesus were indeed pouring out upon you a Ray of Power as a definite shaft of light. It is this "as if" which is the critical point in any magical operation. If the operator proceeds in the same Spirit as the reported last words of the Athiest, "Oh God, (if there is a God) save my Soul (if I have a Soul)" he will never get very far with the practical operations of Occultism and Magic. He must have the Courage of his convictions and give himself up boldly to be the instrument of the Forces he has invoked, relying upon them to bring about the transition from fantasy to fact. If he proceeds to play the part he has assigned himself as if it were an Actuality, he will find, provided the Force he has invoked is a genuine Force and the Pictorial Image he has made is a suitable one, that the Imagination has become Actuality and that the influences flowing into him and emanating from him, are a very real thing indeed, that he himself is permanently enriched by the experience, and if he is working with or for others, that those in whose presence he is working the operation will be aware with varying degrees of clarity, of what is happening.

In the Bonds of the Eternal Brotherhood

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